

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/16/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. The drawings filed on 16 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date 10/16/03
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. **As per claims 1 and (9) and dependent claims 2-8 and (10-15), respectively,** the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious 1) a radiation image obtaining system or 9) a radiation image detector, comprising: **a)** an angle/position detection member provided between a radiation source and radiation image detector, having at least two detection portions having a transmittance rate with respect to radiation emitted from the radiation source different from their surroundings, which are provided at predetermined positions with respect to a recording surface (of the radiation image detector), **b)** an angle/position calculating means for calculating a position of the radiation source with respect to the recording surface and/or an angle of a central axis of the radiation emitted from the radiation source with respect to the recording surface, wherein **c)** at least two lines, which pass through positions of images of the detection portions , recorded in the radiation image detector by irradiation thereof by the radiation which has passed through the detection portions and the predetermined positions of the detection portions, are obtained and **d)** the angle/position calculating means calculates the position of the radiation source with respect to the recording surface and/or the angle of the central axis of the radiation emitted from the radiation source with respect to the recording surface based on distances between an intersection of the at least two lines and the predetermined positions of the detection portions, or distances between the position of the intersection of the at

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least two lines and the positions of the images of the detection portions, as recited in independent claims 1 and 9.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: **U.S. Patent 6,748,047 to Gonzalez Trotter et al.** discloses a method related to scatter correction of X-rays, wherein when the angle of incidence of an incident ray from a source impinges on a detector at a non zero angle or at right angles to the detector, the source is moved with respect to the detector (column 1, lines 10-19).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2496. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am - 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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